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Schools," "The Public Library an Integral Part of Public Education," "The Children's Room," "The Children's Librarian and Her Training." The value of the contribution to the reading of children of both librarian and teacher is examined and emphasized. And under present conditions the shortcomings of each are brought out—the excessive and exclusive bookishness of the librarian, his frequent ignorance both of child psychology and of modern educational standards and values, and the conventional mold in which the teacher's, especially the English teacher's, conception of good reading is cast. The necessity of co-operation between library and school for the best interest of the child is strongly emphasized. One of the most significant points stressed at various places in the book is the responsibility of the library toward young working children, early deprived of their schooling.

An example of the critical method of the author is her discussion of the much-lauded children's room, which, it appears upon careful examination, neither meets an otherwise unmet educational need nor does it properly meet a real recreational need. The last chapter, on "Some Social Aspects of Library Work with Children," suggests a number of possibilities for the library in a wider social field. A full bibliography of 116 pages completes the book. Misprints on pages 77, 232, and 195 should be noted.

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The Minimum Cost of Living. A Study of Families of Limited Income in New York City. By WINIFRED STUART GIBBS. Macmillan, 1917. Pp. vii+93. \$1.00.

The household account kept by seventy-five families receiving relief from the New York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor forms the basis of this study. An outline of the instruction given the mother by the workers of the home economics department of this society and the detailed list of food materials bought by each family will be of interest to workers in similar fields. There is also given the amount spent by each for rent, food, fuel, and light and sundries, affording material for additional deductions to those drawn by the author.

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